

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, and 8-10 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 9 are amended. Claim 7 is canceled. No new matter is introduced.

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Norton (4,458,795). However, the Examiner has indicated that Claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include all the limitations of the original Claims 1 and 7. Thus, Claim 1 should now be allowable. Claim 7 is canceled. Claims 2-6, and 8, which depend from Claim 1, should now also become allowable. A dependent claim should be considered allowable when its parent claim is allowed. In re McCarn, 101 U.S.P.Q. 411 (CCPA 1954). Applicant has also amended Claim 9 to include all the limitations of the original Claims 7 and 9. Thus, Claim 9 should now be allowable. Claim 10, which depends from Claim 9, should also be allowable.

In light of the foregoing, it is believed that the present invention is in condition for allowance. And Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any question, he or she is invited to call or fax Applicant's counsel at the telephone numbers below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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